

PHONETIC ALPHABET FOR S.A.M.

The example words have the **sound** of the phoneme, not necessarily the same letters

VOWELS

IY	feet
IH	pin
EH	beg
AE	Sam
AA	pot
AH	budget
AO	talk
OH	cone
UH	book
UX	foot
ER	bird
AX	gallon
IX	digit

DIPHTHONGS

EY	made
AY	high
OY	boy
AW	how
OW	slow
UW	crew

The following symbols are used internally by some of S.A.M.'s rules, but they are also available to the user

YX	diphthong ending
WX	diphthong ending
RX	R after a vowel
LX	L after a vowel
/X	H before a non-front vowel or consonant
DX	"flap" as in pity

VOICED CONSONANTS

R	red
L	allow
W	away
WH	whale
Y	you
M	Sam
N	man
NX	song
B	bad
D	dog
G	again
J	judge
Z	zoo
ZH	pleasure
V	seven
DH	then

UNVOICED CONSONANTS

S	Sam
SH	fish
F	fish
TH	thin
P	poke
T	talk
K	cake
CH	speech
/H	ahead

SPECIAL PHONEMES

UL	settle (= AXL)
UM	astronomy (= AXM)
UN	function (= AXN)
Q	kitt-en (glottal stop)

Note: The symbol for the "H" sound is **/H**. A glottal stop is a forced stoppage of sound.